

Attorney Docket No. DNPS-30176
Application No. 10/688,677
Amendment and Response

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled. New claims 17-21 have been added.

Applicant certainly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to dependent claims 6 and 13. As the Examiner has suggested, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8 to incorporate the limitations of claims 6 and 13, respectively. Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled. Independent claims 1 and 8 and those claims depending upon them should now be allowable.

Additionally, Applicant has amended independent claim 15 to incorporate similar limitations to those of canceled claims 6 and 13. New claims 17-21 have been added that are dependent upon amended claim 15. Independent claim 15 and those claims depending from it are also believed to be allowable.

In view of all of the reasons presented above, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

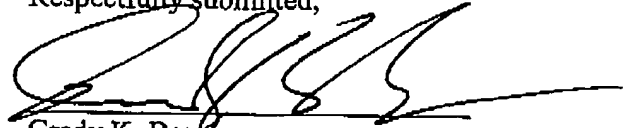
No fees are believed necessary for this response. This response is being submitted within three months from the date of the office action. If any extension of time is believed necessary, however, such extension is hereby requested. If any fees are deemed necessary for the continued prosecution of the present application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1899.

Please contact the undersigned at the address or telephone number listed below should there be any questions, or if contacting the undersigned would expedite or aid the examination or prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grady K. Bergen', written over a horizontal line.

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